

APPENDIX D: PERSONNEL TEMPO

This appendix responds to Title 10 United States Code, Section 487 requirement for the Secretary of Defense to provide an annual report on the operations and personnel tempo for each of the Military Services. Operations Tempo (OPTEMPO) is defined as the rate at which units of the armed forces are involved in all military activities, including contingency operations, exercises, and training deployments. Furthermore, a Service member is considered “deployed” when that member is:

- On orders; and
- Performing duties in a training exercise or operation at a location or under circumstances that make it impossible or infeasible for the member to spend off-duty time in the housing at the member’s permanent duty station or home port.

A member is not deployed when the member is:

- Performing service as a student or trainee at a school (including any government school);
- Performing administrative, guard, or detail duties in garrison at the member’s permanent duty station; or
- Unavailable solely because of hospitalization (when not deployed) or as a result of discipline action.

The Department now has a system in place to track individual deployment, or personnel tempo (PERSTEMPO), information uniformly based upon the above definition.

Table D-1 depicts the total active duty end strength of each of the military services over the past five fiscal years. Although the department does have some deployment data prior to 2001, these data are not consistent with the current definitions and cannot be used for comparative purposes.

The average number of personnel and days deployed away from home station for Fiscal Years 2001 and 2002 are reported in the table below:

Service Size and Deployment Summary									
Table D-1									
	FY 1998 ⁽¹⁾	FY 1999 ⁽¹⁾	FY 2000 ⁽¹⁾	FY 2001			FY 2002		
	ES ⁽²⁾	ES ⁽²⁾	ES ⁽²⁾	ES ⁽²⁾	Deployed		ES ⁽²⁾	Deployed	
					Members ⁽³⁾	Days ⁽⁴⁾		Members ⁽³⁾	Days ⁽⁴⁾
Army	483,880	479,426	482,170	480,801	TBD	TBD	486,542	TBD	TBD
Navy	382,338	373,046	373,193	377,810	206,659	66.3	385,051	202,382	63.3
Marine Corps	173,142	172,641	173,321	172,934	88,717	35.5	173,733	88,536	43.8
Air Force	367,470	360,590	355,654	353,571	183,211	23.5	368,251	184,563	28.9
1 Prior to 2001, deployment data was not consistently defined or collected 2 Active Duty End Strength (ES) 3 Number of Active duty members deployed. 4 Average number of days away from home station per end strength.									

Other data requested in Section 487, namely the deployment of “Low Density /High Demand” assets and those battalion size or larger units participating in named contingency operations or major training events, contain classified or sensitive information. Requests for these data should be directed to the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Readiness).